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PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Francis BRIAND et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

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PULSED-ARC WELDING
PROCESS AND DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 5-13 have been amended as follows:

--5. (amended) Process according to claim 1, characterized in that the wire feed speed (V_{wire}) is between 1 and 20 m/min, preferably between 2 and 15 m/min.--

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--6. (amended) Process according to claim 1, characterized in that the pulse frequency is between 20 and 300 Hz, preferably between 50 and 200 Hz.--